RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 22nd December, 1999/Pausa, 1921 (Saka)

The House met at Eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** *in the Chair.*

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

कारगिल की चोटियों पर फिर से कब्जा किये जाने की धमकी

†*341. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान के एक मुख्य आतंकवादी संगठन हरकत-उल-मुजाहिद्दीन के प्रमुख ने यह घोषणा की है कि वे कारगिल की चोटियों पर एक बार फिर कब्जा करेंगे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस घोषणा के मद्देनजर पाकिस्तान सरकार से कोई बातचीत की है; और

(ग) किए गए उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नान्डीज): (क) से (ग) एक विवरण पत्र सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

विवरण

सरकार को पाकिस्तान में पनप रहे आतंकवादी गुटों द्वारा समय-समय पर जारी किए गए उक्त तथा इसी तरह के अन्य वक्तव्यों के बारे में मीडिया रिपोर्टों की जानकारी है। सरकार ने पाकिस्तान के साथ यह बात उठाई है कि वह सीमा पार के आतंकवाद को समर्थन देना बंद करे और आतंकवाद को बढ़ावा देना तथा अपना भारत विरोधी दुष्प्रचार करना छोड़ दे ताकि लाहौर प्रक्रिया लागू करने और दोनों देशों के बीच बातचीत पुन: शुरू करने के लिए सार्थक माहौल बन सके। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय को भी पाकिस्तान द्वारा आतंकवाद के लिए सतत सहायता दिए जाने की जानकारी दी गई है।

देश की सुरक्षा और प्रादेशिक अखंडता बनाए रखने की दिशा में सभी आवश्यक उपाय जारी हैं।

Re-Occupation Threat to Kargil Peaks

‡*341. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased tc state:

(a) whether it is a fact that chief of Harkat-ul-Muzahiddin, a major terrorist organisatior of Pakistan, has declared that they would again occupy Kargil peaks;

(b) if so, whether Government have held talks with Pakistan Government in view o the declaration; and

(c) the details of measures taken?

† Starred Question Nos. 341 and 353 were taken together.

‡ Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Government is aware of media reports about the said and other similar statements made from time to time by terrorist outfits flourishing in Pakistan. Government has taken up with Pakistan that they should stop support to cross border terrorism and abandon abetment of terrorism and its anti-India propaganda to create a conducive atmosphere for the implementation of the Lahore process and a resumption of the composite dialogue. The international community has also been kept apprised of Pakistan's continued support to terrorism.

2. All measures necessary to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country continue to be taken.

Change in National Security after Kargil Conflict

‡*353. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Nav Bharat Times dated 8th August, 1999 under the caption, "Kargil Shangharsh ke bad Rashtriya Surksha Main Badlaw Jaruri, General Sood"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Government are aware of the news-item appearing in 'Navbharat Times' expressing certain views about various aspects of National security management.

National Security Council with its sub-structures viz. the National Security Advisory Board, Strategic Policy Group and the National Security Council Secretariat provide an effective channel for integrated thinking and coordinated application of the political, millitary, diplomatic, scientific and technological resources of the State to protect and promote national security goals and objectives. The inputs generated through inter-Ministerial coordination and integration of views fron both within the Government and experts outside the Government help in the formulation of National security policies by the Government.

In accordance with the Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961 as amended from time to time, all matters relating to national security are considered and decisions taken by the Government. Further, Government review all developments impinging upon Ir 'ia's security on a regular basis and take appropriate decisions after

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